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SUBJECT: INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE FOR PROTECTION OF  
THE WORLD CULTURAL AND NATURAL HERITAGE, PARIS,  
JUNE 27 - JULY 1, 1977

SUMMARY: FIRST PLENARY SESSION OF COMMITTEE HELD WITHIN  
SPIRIT AND INTENT OF CONVENTION, OPENING STATEMENT  
BY UNESCO DIRECTOR GENERAL M'BOW CALLED FOR BALANCED  
CONSIDERATION OF CULTURAL AND NATURAL ELEMENTS.  
ANTICIPATED THAT AGENDA WILL BE COMPLETED AS  
SCHEDULED. EXCELLENT INTERCHANGE BETWEEN ALL COMMITTEE  
PARTICIPANTS. COMMITTEE NATIONS REPRESENTED BY PRO-  
FESSIONAL DELEGATIONS. ALL US GOALS SET FORTH IN  
POSITION PAPERS ACHIEVED. END OF SUMMARY.

1. FIROWZ BAGHERZADEH, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF ARCHEOLO-  
GICAL CENTER OF IRAN, ELECTED TO CHAIR FIRST ONE YEAR  
TERM. FOUR VICE"CHAIRMEN ELECTED  
FROM EGYPT, FRANCE, NIGERIA, POLAND. CANADIAN DELEGATE,  
PETER BENNETT, ELECTED RAPPOREUR.

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2. USDEL EFFECTIVE IN HAVING ALL USG PROCEDURAL  
POSITIONS ADOPTED BY COMMITTEE. PRIMARY COMMITTEE  
EFFORT TOWARD CLARIFICATION OF WORKING DOCUMENT  
LANGUAGE WITH FOCUS ON SELECTION CRITERIA FOR  
WORLD HERITAGE LISTS. USDEL HAS CHAIRING WORKING  
GROUP FOR NATURAL AREA CRITERIA.

3. ADVISE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE THAT UNESCO D.G. WILL INVITE NOMINATIONS TO WORLD HERITAGE LIST NOVEMBER, 1977. NOMINATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO UNESCO CONVENTION SECRETARIAT BEFORE APRIL 1, 1978, IF USG TO HAVE NOMINATION CONSIDERED IN SECOND PLENARY SESSION OF COMMITTEE. CONSIDERED HIGHLY DESIRABLE THAT USG SUBMIT EARLY WORLD HERITAGE SITE NOMINATION FOR USE AS MODEL AND TO SET HIGH STANDARD. YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK CONSIDERED POSSIBLE AS ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLE. BACKGROUND PREPARATION SHOULD BEGIN SOONEST.

4. WORLD HERITAGE FUND CURRENTLY AT \$54,541. NON-VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED TO DATE FROM ALGERIA, CANADA, GHANA, NIGERIA AND SWITZERLAND. NON-VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVABLE FOR 1977 \$46,722. UNESCO FUND STATUS DOCUMENT CALLS ATTENTION TO NO-CONTRIBUTION TO DATE FROM USG. COMMITTEE BUDGET 1977 WORLD HERITAGE FUND PROPOSED AT \$76,000. UNESCO BUDGET ALLOWS \$12,100 FOR SECRETARIAT EXPENSES FOR SECOND PLENARY MEETING.  
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